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a part of another test.

SENATOR SUTTLE: Okay. Thank you very much. It was suggested yesterday to me that...that a company's insurance company might want...or insurance plan might want to include genetic testing in their insurance plan. I found that curious because they are adamantly against doing anything for women for contraceptive pills, but they might want to take on a genetic testing type thing in their insurance. And I don't understand that relationship, why a company would want to provide that in their insurance. Be nice, I suppose, if you want to see your chromosomes and genes on what you're predisposed to. I would prefer myself to let the chips fall where they may and not know what I'm predisposed to. But there are people who do want to know that information, and for insurance to pay for that might be an advantage. But I do think that it's important that this clarifying language, whatever Senator Kristensen and Senator Chambers come up with by way of language, I do think it's important that this be a part of this bill as well as I also support LB 432. So would look forward to the final wording of what they come up with. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Suttle. Senator Brown, on the Chambers amendment to LB 620.

SENATOR BROWN: Mr. President, members, we...we're sort of confusing, a little bit, apples and oranges here. And I wanted to go back to what Senator Chambers' original issue is and why, in looking at drafting an amendment to his amendment or maybe a substitute amendment, we have to be fairly careful. The issue that we want to prevent is companies without an individual's understanding of what's happening, and that is what happened in the testing that was referenced by Senator Chambers that Burlington Northern was doing. Without the person's understanding or consent, they were being tested. These were individuals who had filed claims against the company for workers' compensation. And it was, in essence, probably a fishing expedition to see if they could find some relationship between a gene that many researchers don't even know whether there's any relationship between that gene and carpal tunnel syndrome. Carpal tunnel syndrome is something that is a very